

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2379 - SB 2241

February 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines “evidence-based” for purposes of criteria for funding in-home visitation programs, permitting scientific research to be evaluated using either randomized controlled research designs, or quasi-experimental research designs with equivalent comparison groups. Excludes any Medicaid funded disease management or case management services or programs, which may include home visits, from the definition of “in-home visitation”. Requires that 50 percent of state-appropriated funds expended for in-home visitation services be used for evidence-based models during FY12-13, and that 75 percent of such funds be used for evidence-based programs during FY13-14 and subsequent years. Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this act in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the only state-appropriated home visitation funds currently administered by DOH are for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) in Shelby County.
- The NFP model is evidence-based and is in compliance with the proposed requirements of this legislation. The requirements of this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact on this program. The number of children or families served will remain at the current level.
- The Help Us Grow Successfully home visiting model is funded through a contract with the Bureau of TennCare and would be excluded from the provisions of this bill.
- The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood home visiting program is 100 percent funded with federal funds from the Affordable Care Act and would be excluded from the provisions of this bill.
- According to DOH, the Child Health and Development and Healthy Start programs will end on June 30, 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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